

MEPS-HC Variable Locator for Medical Event Files

	Prescribed Medicines (RX)	Dental Visits (DV)	Other Medical Expenses (OM)	Hospital Inpatient Stays (IP)	Emergency Room Visits (ER)	Outpatient Department Visits (OP)	Office-Based Medical Provider Visits (OB)	Home Health (HH)	Appendix to MEPS Event Files
IDENTIFIERS									
Dwelling unit	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Person	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Event	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Flat fee group		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Round number	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Condition									x
Link to prescribed medicines									x
EVENT DESCRIPTION									
Date of event		x		x	x	x	x	x	
Quantity/frequency/length of visit	x			x				x	
Type of provider	x	x	x			x	x	x	
Procedures		x		x	x	x	x	x	
Due to accident or injury		x							
Was medicine prescribed		x		x	x	x			
Medication name/code	x								
MPC data flag				x	x	x	x		
# condition records linked to event	x (a)	x (a)		x (a)	x (a)	x (a)	x (a)	x (a)	
ICD-9 diagnosis codes	x	x (c)		x	x	x	x		
ICD-9 procedure codes		x (c)		x	x	x	x		
Modified clinical classification codes	x	x (c)		x	x	x	x		
Multum Lexicon variables	x (f)								

Notes (a) – (f): See Appendix 2 for details on the availability of these variables.

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In person or telephone						X	X		
VA facility				X	X	X	X		
FLAT FEES									
Stem or leaf		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Visits in flat fee		X	X	X (d)	X (e)	X	X	X	
EXPENDITURES									
Source of payment (b)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Total expenditures	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Expenditure imp. flags (b)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Total charges		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
HH preimputed/MPC unimputed expenditures		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SAMPLING WEIGHTS AND VARIANCE ESTIMATION									
Person weight	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Stratum	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
PSU	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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Appendix 1: List of Data Files

MEPS event file names:

HC-010A – HC-010I = 1996 Event Files
HC-016A – HC-016I (plus HC-042 File 2, supplement to HC-016F) = 1997 Event Files
HC-026A – HC-026I = 1998 Event Files
HC-033A – HC-033I = 1999 Event Files
HC-051A – HC-051I = 2000 Event Files
HC-059A – HC-059I = 2001 Event Files
HC-067A – HC-067I = 2002 Event Files
HC-077A – HC-077I = 2003 Event Files

where:

A = Prescribed Medicines (RX)
B = Dental Visits (DV)
C = Other Medical Expenses (OM)
D = Hospital Inpatient Stays (IP)
E = Emergency Room Visits (ER)
F = Outpatient Department Visits (OP)
G = Office-Based Medical Provider Visits (OB)
H = Home Health (HH)
I = Appendix to MEPS Event Files

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Appendix 2: Notes on Availability of Variables

Notes:

- (a) Variable included only in 1996 and 1997 releases.
- (b) Family, Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance, Veterans, TRICARE, Other Federal, State/Local Government, Workers Compensation, Other Private Insurance, Other Public Insurance, Other Insurance.
- (c) Variable included only in 1996 release.
- (d) Variable not included in 1997 release.
- (e) Variable not included in 1997, 1999 or 2001 release.
- (f) The Multum Lexicon variables are available on HC-068, Multum Lexicon Addendum Files for 1996 through 2001. For 2002 and subsequent years, these variables are on the Prescribed Medications Event files.